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From the P R E S I D E N T



Well, 1984 is now upon us, I hope that all of you had a joyous and safe holiday season, and that this year brings the best to you.

Dave Schenkman is currently hard at work on our Maryland Token Book and expects to go to press sometime this summer. At our Annual meeting, we will be having a book fund donation auction with all of the funds going into the BOOK FUND. According to our Vice-President, Russ Sears, donations have been extremely slow in coming. It is still not too late to donate items for this special auction; donations will be accepted up to the time of the auction. By the way, cash donations are also appreciated. As a little incentive, all donations are tax deductible and a statement will be given upon request.

The saga of our lapel pins continues...with some good news and some bad news. First, the good news, they arrived last week and they look GREAT, (at first glance). Now for the bad news, upon closer examination by myself and Millard Hajek (designer of the Logo) we discovered that they are incorrectly colored. This difference stands out like a sore thumb when the lapel pin is placed beside another similar design. Being that MD TAMS is paying several hundred dollars for these lapel pins, we have decided to return them to the manufacturer for correction. So, once again we are patiently waiting.

Our JOURNAL is getting better with each issue. But, let's not become satisfied with this. I'm sure that Jane and Russ would appreciate receiving an article from each of us.

I have set several goals for this upcoming year. First, the publication of the MARYLAND TOKEN BOOK. Second, I would like to see the membership increased by 20% and finally, to set up some informal meeting at member's homes.

FROM YOUR Vice President — Russ Sears

We've just returned from our February 18th meeting. Its always good to get together with the great people in Maryland TAMS.

Our efforts, as well as the efforts of some of our friends, have progressed well as our book fund increases. The M.A.N.A. has made a donation of \$1000 while the Tri-County Club has made a \$500 donation. M.S.N.A. has committed to make a \$5000 interest free loan to us. Although we haven't heard from T.A.M.S., we hope to secure a \$5000 interest free loan from them too.

Some of our members have made cash donations to our book fund; others have donated tokens and other exonomia for the donation auction to be held at our next meeting. Unfortunately there are yet others who haven't helped. Your help is needed by your society. Donations of cash or tokens for the auction can be sent or given to any of the officers or the editors of this Journal. They may also be brought to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be our anniversary meeting. We hope to see you there.

Russ

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of a horsecar ticket for the Cambridge, Mass. Union Railway Co.)



THE 1984 OFFICIAL MEDAL FOR THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARYLAND 1634-1984

In commemoration of the 350th anniversary of the founding of Maryland, the U. S. Capitol Historical Society and the Maryland Heritage Committee have announced the issue of their official medal. Designed by the Baltimore sculptor William Francis Duffy, the medal will be struck by Medallic Art Company of Danbury, Connecticut and be offered as follows:

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The reverse side features the 1634 journey of the band of colonists under Leonard Calvert-- the journey that concluded with the historic landing on St. Clement's Island on March 25, 1634 and led to the beginnings of religious liberty in Maryland.



MARYLAND FARM AND CANNERY

CARDBOARD TICKETS

PART 3

by

A. Vernon Taylor

MD TAMS LM2

I had no idea when I started this series, way back in issue 2 of this journal, that many more of these interesting berry tickets would surface. I soon found that more were being found and that the field could be expanded to include other cardboard pieces used in the vegetable fields for pickers and others used for record keeping in canneries. So, I changed the name of the series and displayed some of these field and cannery pieces in my second article in issue 7 of this journal. Thanks to Lee Burton, on the Eastern Shore, more pieces are being added to the growing list. I have even found more in the Baltimore area, even though they are from Eastern Shore locations.

It looks like about 95% of the cardboards I have recorded to date are from the Eastern Shore of Maryland. I still have not recorded any from Anne Arundel County. I imagine those farmers decided to stick to metal for the most part, with a little fibre thrown in. Perhaps those pickers, who were mainly of foreign extraction, preferred the "hard" token because of their faith in "hard" currency. They probably did not care for the use of paper as a record of their "hard" labors.

I have three very interesting items in this listing that I should like to point out to you.

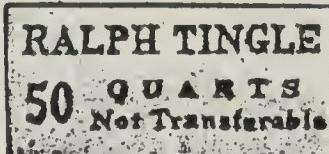
Just as the collecting field of cardboard tickets had to be expanded earlier, I find I must expand it even more. An interesting set of wooden "tickets" has surfaced. Yes, I did say wooden. This set is rather fancy in its color selections. The pieces are about 2 mm thick. The coloring is on the front, back, top side and bottom side, and a very few have coloring on either the right or left side. This obviously suggests that the wooden blanks were painted completely as a long strip and then cut into the individual pieces before or after the imprinting. The lettering is actually slightly impressed into the wood.

The listing of this set is as follows:

RALPH TINGLE

Strawberry tickets. Farm located at Pittsville, Wicomico County, Maryland

1 Quart	(Light brown)
2 Quarts	(Dark brown)
4 Quarts	(Yellow brown)
5 Quarts	(Light blue)
6 Quarts	(Dark gray)
8 Quarts	(Pale green)
10 Quarts	(Red) (Black lettering)



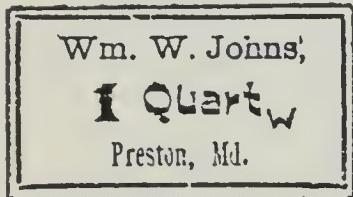
12 Quarts	(Light orange)
15 Quarts	(Red orange)
20 Quarts	(Light brown)
25 Quarts	(Dark blue)
32 Quarts	(Gold)
50 Quarts	(Blue green)
75 Quarts	(Light gray)

Editor's Note: 3 Quart (Red Brown)

Now, if you thought that wooden tickets were unusual, how about a cardboard ticket with a counterpunch. So, now we have counterpunched tickets like we have have counterpunched tokens. In this case, the counterpunch is completely through the cardboard leaving a hole in the shape of the counterpunch. Thanks again to Lee Burton for this unual find. This set is listed as follows:

WILLIAM W. JOHNS

Berry tickets. Farm located at Preston, Caroline County, Maryland.



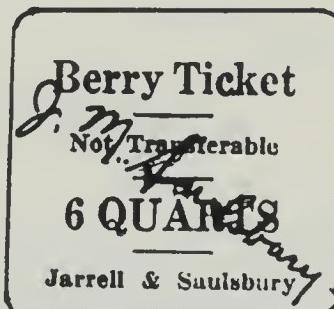
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|----|--------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Quart | (Light orange) |
| 2 | Quarts | (Green) |
| 5 | Quarts | (Light blue) |
| 10 | Quarts | (Dark blue) |
| 50 | Quarts | (Lavender)
(Black lettering) |

Note counterpunched "W" to right of "t" in quart. Other values also are with counterpunches.

The third new "first" find, by Lee Burton, is a countersigned piece. Why was this Jarrell and Saulsbury countersigned by J. M. Saulsbury? One could guess a number of reasons. The real reason is out there somewhere and hopefully one of you will answer that question someday.

JARRELL & SAULSBURY

Berry tickets. Farm located at Ridgely, MD.



- | | | |
|----|--------|--------------|
| 1 | Quart | (Yellow) |
| 2 | Quarts | (Pink) |
| 6 | Quarts | (Light blue) |
| 8 | Quarts | (Yellow) |
| 10 | Quarts | (Green) |
| 20 | Quarts | (Gray) |

(Black lettering)

The next two listings are tomato picker tickets from the farms of George Turner and Honiss Tull. There are two different ticket systems represented in these listings. The Turner Type I system contains "values" and presumably represented bushels of tomatoes picked. The Turner Type II and the Tull Types I, II, III & IV were presumably numbered from 1 up. Under this system a number was assigned to a picker and he was given only his own number when he turned in a bushel to the field boss. Why one system was used over another is not completely clear. Perhaps some of you can add some light on this matter. One theory I have is that by assigning a number to each picker precluded the transferring or thief of tickets among pickers. The different colors could have represented different crops for which different prices would be paid by the bushel. I have been told that the system using worker numbers involved imported transient workers while the conventional system was primarily for local laborers well known to the farmers, including family members.

HONISS A. TULL

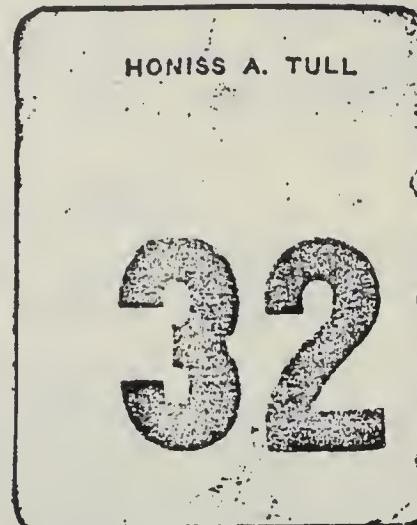
Field pickers tickets. Farm located in Somerset County, Maryland.



Type I

Believed to be
numbered 1-29

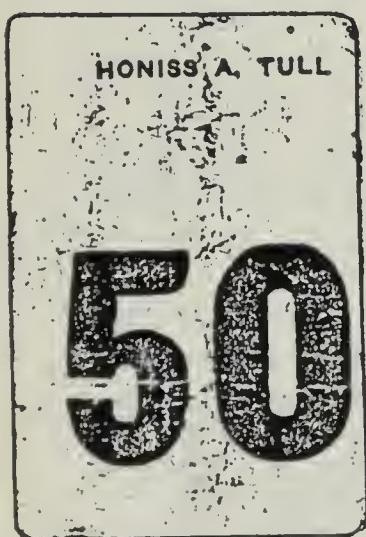
Black lettering
on white.



Type II

Numbered 30-49

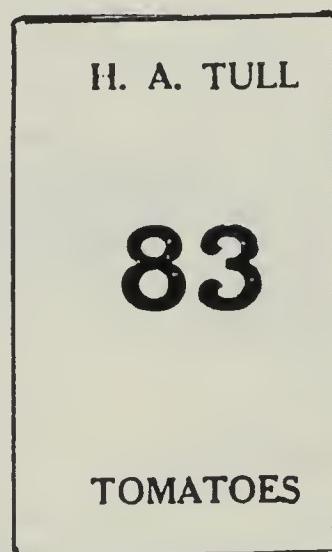
Black lettering.
on yellow, blue
and pink.



Type III

Numbered 50 - ?

Black lettering
on white.



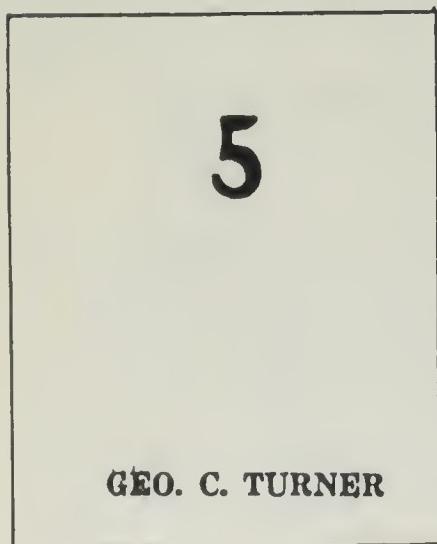
Type IV

Numbered ?
Number 83 known.

Black lettering
on white.

GEORGE C. TURNER

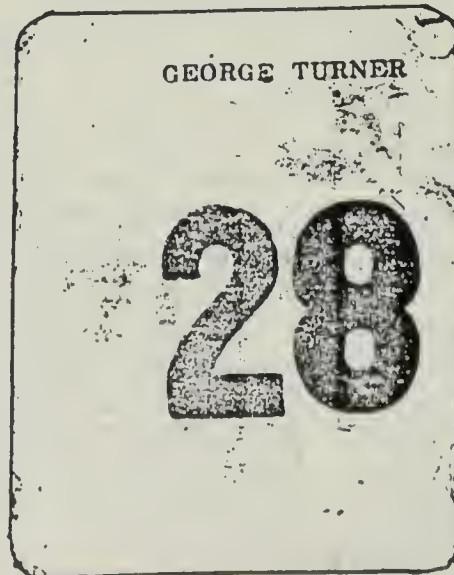
Tomato pickers tickets. Farm at Marion Station, Somerset County, Maryland.



Type I

- 4 (Yellow)
- 5 (Yellow)
- 6 (Blue)
- 8 (Blue)

(Black lettering)



Type II

Numbers 27 -
29 known.

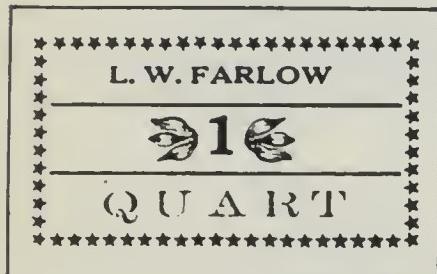
Pink & Blue know

Black lettering.

The listings from this point on are various items discovered during the past two years. Any additions or corrections to this material would be greatly appreciated.

L. W. FARLOW

Strawberry tickets. Farm at Pittsville, Wicomico County, Maryland.

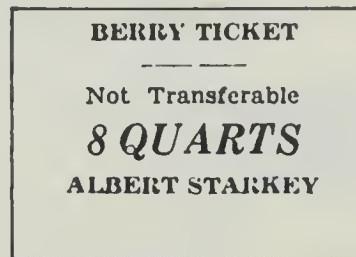


1 Quart (White)
6 Quarts (Teal Blue)
8 Quarts (Burnt Orange)

(Black Lettering)

ALBERT STARKEY

Berry tickets. Farm located at Ridgley, Caroline County, Maryland.

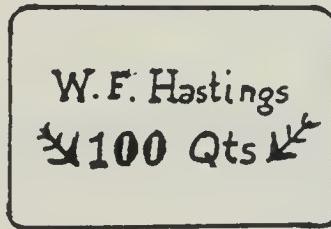


1 Quart (Rose)
2 Quarts (Red)
4 Quarts (Blue)
8 Quarts (White)

(Black lettering)

W. F. HASTINGS

Berry ticket. Believed to be from the Eastern Shore of Maryland.



100 Quarts (Red)

HUBBARD CANNING COMPANY

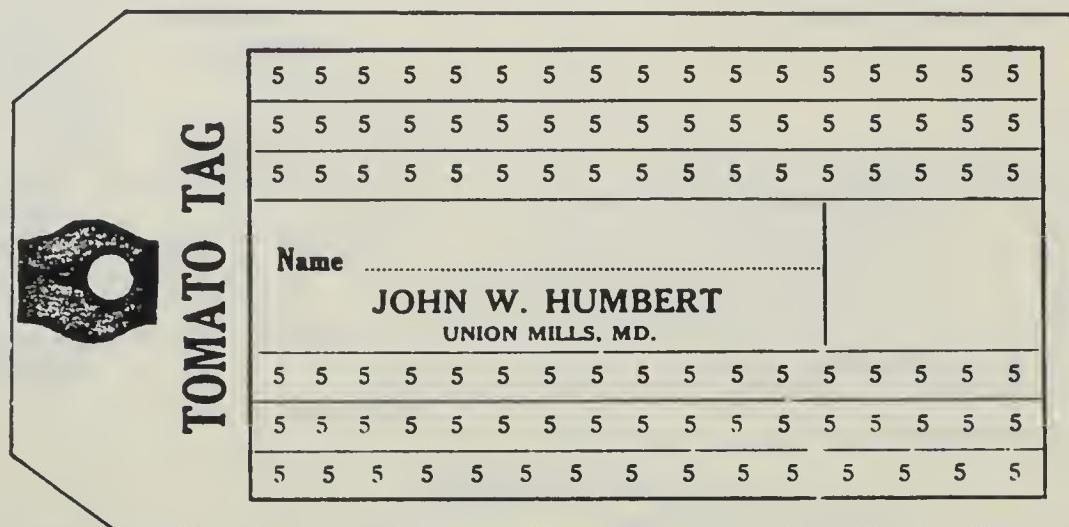
Record card to indicate buckets of tomatoes peeled. Cannery located at East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland. Although William T. Hubbard operated this tomato cannery for many years under his name, cannery directories only list the Hubbard Canning Company between 1963 and 1973.

NAME	NO.										
HUBBARD CANNING CO. Date											
BUCKETS PEELED TOMATOES											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	52	

(Black lettering)

JOHN W. HUMBERT

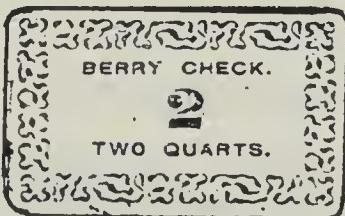
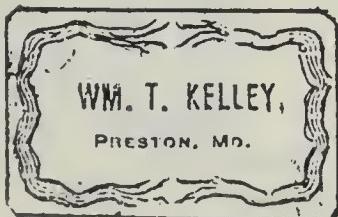
Tomato peeler record tag used at John T. Humbert's cannery at Union Mills, Carroll County, Maryland. This cannery is listed in the National Canners Association's Directories between 1920 and 1943.



(Black lettering)

WILLIAM T. KELLEY

Berry ticket. Farm located at Preston, Caroline County, Maryland.



2 Quarts (Buff or aged)

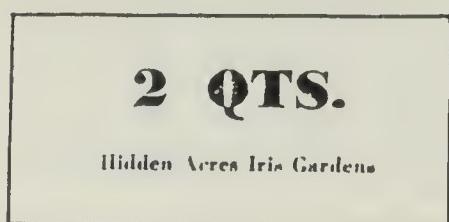
(Black lettering)

This ticket is pre WWI, probably the oldest found to date. William Kelley was a Doctor of Dentistry and also operated a cannery around 1902.

HIDDEN ACRES IRIS GARDENS

EDWARD GRIFFITH

Strawberry tickets. Farm located at Finchville, Dorchester County Maryland.

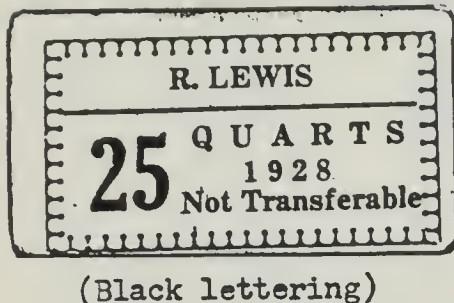


- 1 Quart (Pale Burnt Orange)
- 2 Quarts (Aqua)
- 3 Quarts (Red)
- 4 Quarts (Yellow)
- 5 Quarts (Teal Blue)
- 10 Quarts (Orange)

(Black lettering)

FRANK RUSSELL LEWIS

Berry tickets. Farm located at Pittsville, MD.



1	Quart	(Pale green ??)
2	Quarts	(Orange)
4	Quarts	(Pink)
5	Quarts	(Red)
6	Quarts	(Lavender ??)
10	Quarts	(Yellow ??)
25	Quarts	(White)
50	Quarts	(Salmon)

Well, you can see that there are a lot of interesting pieces to be found if one beats enough bushes. Thanks again to our chief bush beater, Lee Burton. If anyone has anything to add to this material, it will be appreciated.

AVT

**Addition To
LIBRARY-CABINET**

The following people made donations:



Stan Brown- several back issues of TAMS Journal

Jane Sears- 1983 Chuck E. Cheese Token

Bob Ruby- Balto. Coin Club Medal (bronze)

Pete Burris- Balto. Coin Club Medal (bronze)

TONY TOKENUT says:



I LOOK FOR TOKENS
WHEREVER THEY BE.
WHO IS THAT COUPLE
FOLLOWING ME?



MARYLAND CANNING TOKENS

Jane Sears R-80

&

Russ Sears R-54

A continuing study of tokens used in Maryland Canning Industry.

Following the precedent established by other series in this journal, we will refer to these canning tokens as MD-CT-(Number) for reference purposes, in case someone wishes to refer to one of these pieces in letters or conversation.

* * BALTIMORE * *

LOUIS MCMURRAY AND COMPANY

Louis McMurray was born on February 27, 1823 in an area of Baltimore County which is now part of Carroll County. His parents, Samuel and Sarah McMurray, also had three daughters.

Samuel McMurray moved his family (from the farm) to Baltimore City in 1832. He became proprietor of the Western Hotel (corner of Howard and Saratoga Streets) until he retired in 1838. The family then moved to Pearl Street. He and his son set up a small restaurant in 1840 and continued operating it until his death in 1850. Louis continued the restaurant for one more year and began experimenting in the canning of corn.

Louis McMurray married Jane Monica McDermott of York, Pa. in 1851. In the Fall of that same year, he started a small packing company. His goods were sold in New Orleans at very high prices.

He enlarged his business at 254 & 256 W. Biddle Street. His home at 268 W. Biddle adjoined the factory. The factory consisted of brick buildings three stories high with a frontage of nearly eight hundred feet and covered an area of about sixty thousand square feet. Three hundred people were employed during the oyster season, but increasing to 800 or 1,000 in the fruit and vegetable season.

In 1858, he found that scalding fresh oysters caused them to open their shells. This saved a lot of time and money.

He also ran a gigantic floating cannery that harvested tons of oysters from the Rappahannock River.

Alexander B. Ellis and Charles E. Houghton became his partners for a few years.

Maryland's peach crop failed in 1868. McMurray had the insight to move his entire plant and crew to Cincinnati. The crop was plentiful and McMurray made a profit. While there, he experienced the sweet taste of sugar corn, a flavor much better than the field corn grown in Maryland.



In the fall of 1868, McMurray traveled to Frederick City and made arrangements to raise and pack sugar corn and other vegetables. When he arrived back home, his partners (Ellis and Houghton) wanted nothing to do with this venture. He was to be the sole owner and manager of the Frederick plant.

Work was started on the plant in the spring of 1869. The factory covered five acres, most of which were under roof. Entrance to the factory was on West All Saints. The company employed a total of eleven hundred and fifty people. This industry supported the town of Frederick.

McMurray suffered great losses in his first year of business. Farmers who were under contract to supply vegetables failed to produce as agreed. This caused a shortage of vegetables for canning. He decided to rent the land and have his employees raise the crops, later purchasing farms as they became available.

McMurray sent twenty-five tinsmiths to Frederick from Baltimore. In 1870, he invented and received a patent for a machine for sealing the cans by unskilled labor. He also invented a stove for heating the irons and obtained several other patents for soldering devices. He was the first purchaser of the first continuous chain feed corn-cutter. McMurray even manufactured his own freight boxes. This kept his prices down.

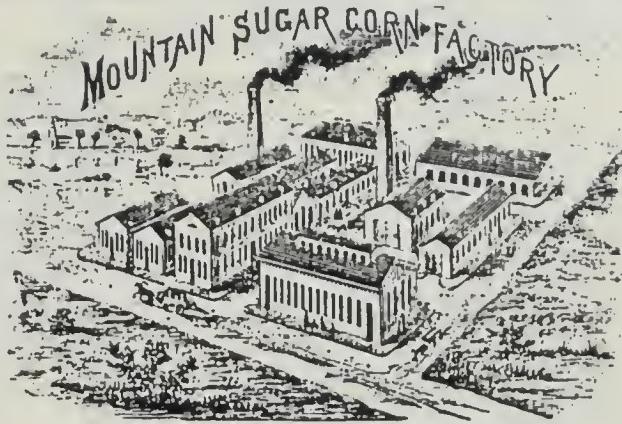
During the packing season a four-horse wagon loaded with corn was delivered to the factory every ten minutes. Sixty hands were in the fields harvesting the corn. Twenty-five four-horses teams were used. Corn was sealed in cans within one hour of harvesting to obtain the best flavor. During the season about eighty thousand cans were turned out daily.

Lime was manufactured at the factory for use in the fields. The firm was ordered to stop the manufacturing of fertilizer (from manure and decaying husks) in the center of the city. This operation caused a continuing epidemic of Diphteria for 5 years (1880 to 1885).

In 1872, McMurray purchased a lot on Cross Street (1,3,5,7,

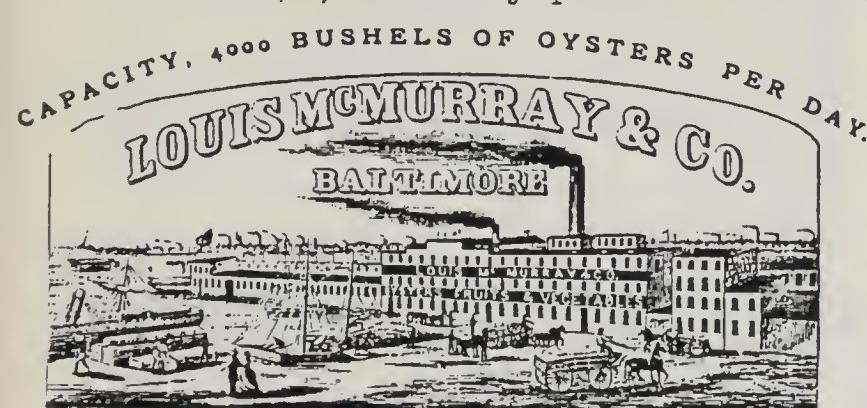
Cross now 525) and erected a factory and office there. The brick three story factory fronted seven hundred and fifty feet on Cross Street and covered about sixty thousand square feet. Employment there during the oyster season was 400 to 500 people. During the fruit and vegetable season it was 600 to 700 people. Soon after, Mr. Ellis died and Mr. Houghton withdrew from the business.

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L. McMURRAY,
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CAPACITY,
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At the Paris Exposition in 1873, McMurray received a gold medal and diploma, the highest awards of the Exposition for his corn and oysters.

In 1876, at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, McMurray received the highest medals and diplomas for the excellence of quality of hermetically sealed oysters, fruits and vegetables.

At the age of sixty-five he died in Frederick in 1888 leaving an estate of over a million dollars. He had owned two thousand five hundred acres of land in Frederick County, the largest land-owner in Western Maryland.

Louis McMurray Company remained in the Baltimore City Directories until 1889. In 1890, Houghton Packing Company was located at 525 E. Cross Street.

Louis McMurray Company was still listed in Maryland Directories in 1891-92 at Plane No Four (12 miles east of Frederick), Bartholows (10 miles from Frederick), and 112 W. All Saints in Frederick.

McMurray canned fish, fruits and vegetables from Maryland, Ohio and Virginia. He always tried for the best quality in his goods. With low prices they reached all people worldwide.



Obverse: L. M^EM. / & CO. / ★
 Reverse: 5 within a wreath
 20mm Copper Round
 Listed by Fuld- Token Collectors
 pages 127-128
 MD-CT-17a



Obverse: L. McMURRAY & CO. / 5 /
 (orna) CENTS (orna) / CHECK
 Reverse: 5 within circle of rays
 19mm Copper Round
 Listed by Fuld- Token Collectors
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 MD-CT-17b



Obverse: L. M^EM. / ★★★★ / FREDk
 counterstamped with a star and a 5
 Reverse: Blank
 20mm Nickel Round
 Unlisted
 MD-CT-17c

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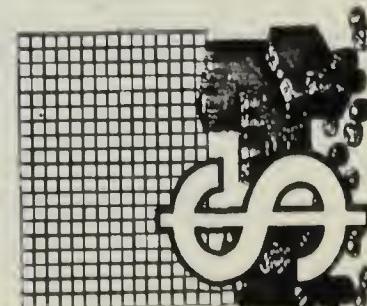
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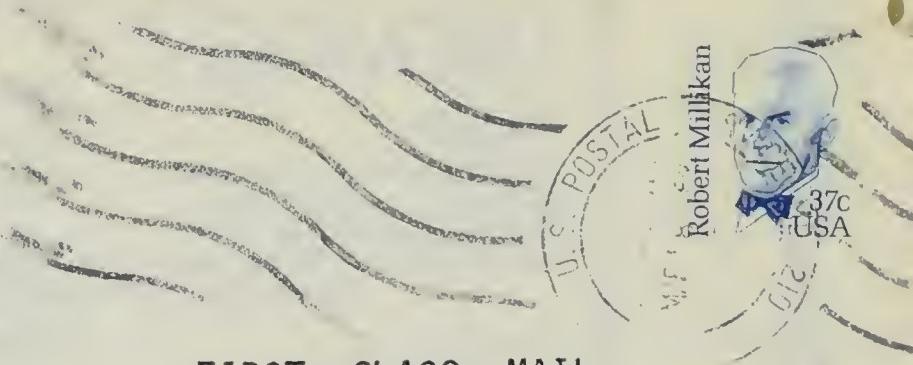
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